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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., January 12, 1898.

To the Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 4th. instant, requesting suggestions of such modifications as may be deemed advisable, in the Civil Service rules and requirements and the methods governing the examination of candidates for appointment in the Mint service, I have the honor to report that the rules and scope of the examinations are satisfactory and I have no change to recommend in the same.

All positions in the Mint service, aside from Presidential appointments, are embraced in the classified service, and I would respectfully recommend that the following positions be exempted:-

In the Mint at Philadelphia, the position of Chief Clerk; Cashier; Superintendent's Confidential Clerk; Assistant Coiner, and Assistant Melter and Refiner.

In the Mint at San Francisco, Chief Clerk; Cashier; Superintendent's Confidential Clerk; Assistant Coiner, and Assistant Melter and Refiner.

In the Assay Office at New York City, Chief Clerk, and Assistant Melter and Refiner.

In the Mint at Denver, Chief Clerk, and Cashier.

In the Mints at New Orleans, La., and Carson City, Nevada,

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Chief Clerk.

At the Assay Office at Helena, Montana, Chief Clerk, and Cashier; at the Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, Chief Clerk.

The Superintendents of the Mints at Philadelphia, and San Francisco, and of the Assay Office at New York, and the Assayers in Charge of the institutions above-named, are all under heavy bonds to the Government, and, therefore, in my judgment, should be permitted to select the persons who by law, act their absence and for whose actions they are responsible; the same remarks apply to the Assistant Coiners and Assistant Melter and Refiners.

Very respectfully,

R. O. Preston

Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., January 21, 1898.

To the Honorable

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that a short time since, one of "Burrough's Registering Accountants" was placed in this Bureau, which upon trial has been found to work satisfactorily, and it would be a decided advantage if one of these machines could be purchased for the permanent use of this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston

Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C. January 31, 1898.

To the Honorable

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that a short time since one of the Burrough's Registering Machines was placed in this Bureau upon trial, which has been found to work very satisfactorily, and it would be a decided advantage if one of these machines could be purchased for the permanent use of this office.

In the examination of the bullion accounts in this Bureau, there are a great many long additions to be made, for which this machine is adapted, it being absolutely correct, no error occurring except when the operator strikes the wrong key, and this is readily detected.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston

Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C. February 12, 1898

To the

Honorable Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the Board of Assay Commissioners, appointed by the President on January 28, 1898, for the purpose of testing the coins reserved under Section 3547 of Revised Statutes, has completed its duties and adopted the following motion:

RESOLVED: That the assay commission having examined and tested the reserved coins of the several mints of the United States for the year 1897, and it appearing that these coins do not differ from the standard fineness and weight by a greater quantity than is allowed by law, the trial is considered and hereby reported satisfactory.

Respectfully yours,

R. O. Bratton

Director of the Mint.

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Copy.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

Superintendent's Office.

March 5, 1898.

Hon. George E. Roberts,

Director of the Mint,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 4th March as to the condition of the dies of the "Medal of Honor" for the Army, I have the honor to inform you that it can be stated to Major Geo. H. Davis, that the said dies are in good condition, considering the fact that they have not been in use for many years past.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed)- Henry K. Boyer,

Superintendent.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., March 23, 1898.

To the Honorable

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In view of the constant risk of loss to the public involved in the collection of checks and drafts sent to the Mint at Philadelphia for minor coin, as illustrated in the recent failure of the Chestnut Street National Bank, I beg leave to inquire if it would not be feasible to accomplish the distribution of minor coin through the Sub-treasuries, they having, through the Sub-treasury in New York, a method for the collection of drafts which would make it unnecessary to entrust them to a third party. To this end could Sections 3528 and 3529 of the Revised Statutes be properly construed to authorize the Bureau of the Mint to pay for the distribution of minor coin, both new and old, from the Sub-treasuries, or are there any other provisions of law under which such transportation could be paid?

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., April 4th, 1898.

To the Honorable

secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The demand for minor coins has heretofore been supplied from the Mint at Philadelphia under the provisions of Sections 3528 and 3529 of the Revised Statutes. This method requires either that such coins shall be paid for by the delivery of lawful money at the Mint, or that the Superintendent of the Mint shall receive and handle checks and drafts. The most convenient method of remittance is by the use of these instruments of exchange, and for the accommodation of the public it has been the practice of the Bureau of the Mint to receive checks and drafts, collect them, and after obtaining the proceeds, ship the coins ordered. A risk, however, inevitably attaches to this custom, for it becomes necessary to entrust these drafts (which are commonly drawn on New York) to some outside agency for collection. This risk is illustrated by the fact that when the Chestnut Street National Bank of Philadelphia failed recently, it held about eighty drafts which had been received by the Mint on such orders and entrusted to the bank for collection, and that number of applicants for minor coins are today involuntary creditors of the Chestnut Street National Bank.

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This risk could be avoided by filling orders for minor coins from the Sub-treasuries. The Sub-treasury in New York is a member of the Clearing House, and all checks and drafts on that city could be collected through it without being entrusted to a third party. Furthermore it would seem to be a more correct and efficient arrangement for this Bureau to deliver all its coinage to the Treasurer of the United States, as it already does the silver and gold coins, and have the Treasurer care for its distribution. Whenever there is a redundancy of the minor coins in any part of the country, they flow to the nearest Sub-treasuries, but when a demand starts up it is directed to the Mint. As a result of this arrangement the Mint sometimes manufactures new coins when there is already an ample supply in the Sub-treasuries.

An investigation discloses that there is no fund available from which the cost of delivering minor coins can be paid by the Treasurer. Therefore, if the transfer of this responsibility to the Treasurer has your approval, I suggest that you ask an appropriation of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) or so much thereof as may be required for this purpose, during the fiscal year,1899. An appropriation for the transportation of silver coin is regularly made by the Sundry Civil Act.

It seems entirely proper that the Government should continue in the future, as in the past, to pay the cost of delivering minor

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coins to all important cities and towns in the country. They are required in the trade of the country and should be supplied in all parts of the country on the same terms, with no advantage to the people who live in a city, where a Mint or Sub-treasury chances to be located. The seigniorage on minor coins issued during the last fiscal year was, $522,059.90. The Government can therefore, well afford to deliver these coins in any part of the country where they are needed, and to provide facilities by which the public may safely and promptly secure them.

Respectfully yours,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., April 4th, 1898.

To the

Director of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have examined the coin submitted by you some days ago and supposed to be counterfeit, with the following results:

The coin bears the San Francisco Mint mark, of the year 1884, is almost perfect in construction, though the letters in the word "States" are somewhat defective, sufficiently so to cause suspicion.

The weight of the coin is 418.54 grains; its fineness is 895.4. There can therefore, be no doubt as to its being a counterfeit and a very dangerous one.

Respectfully yours,

Carl Whitehead.

Assayer, Bureau of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C. April 13th, 1898.

To the Honorable

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that I be furnished, for official use, with orders for railway transportation as follows:

From Washington to New Orleans via Southern railway. From New Orleans to Denver, Colorado, via Texas Pacific to Fort Worth and from Fort Worth to Denver, via, C. R. I. & Texas. From Denver, Colorado to Ogden, Utah via Denver & Rio Grande R.R. From Ogden to Boise City, Idaho via Oregon Short Line. From Boise City, Idaho to Helena, Montana via Oregon Short Line. From Helena, Montana to Billings, Montana, via No. Pacific R.R. From Billings, Montana to Deadwood, South Dakota, via Burlington & Missouri River R.R. From Deadwood, to Sioux City, Iowa via Fremont, Elkhorn & Mo. Valley R.R., payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint, (Mining Statistics, 1898).

Respectfully yours,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C. April 14, 1898.

To the Honorable

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I respectfully beg leave to call your attention to the present status of the United States Mint at New Orleans. This Mint is not conveniently located to be used for our gold coinage. The Government would have to ship gold bullion there at its own expense and ship the coined product away. It has therefore been used for the coinage of silver. The coinage executed at this Mint for the fiscal year, 1897, was as follows:

Silver dollars,.....	$5,930,000
Half-dollars,.....	354,600.
Quarter-dollars,.....	246,000.
Dimes,.....	77,000.
Total,.....	6,607,600.

It will be seen that the most important work of the Mint during the year was in coining silver dollars. The stock of bullion at New Orleans is now nearly exhausted and if the coinage of dollars is to be continued there, the bullion will have to shipped from the storage vaults in Philadelphia. The cost of transporting the bullion to make $6,000,000 would be $22,095. This sum, however, cannot be counted as lost as the dollars would eventually be wanted there for distribution, but I am advised that the present supply

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in the Sub-treasury is sufficient to meet the ordinary demands at that point for the next three years. Moving the bullion at this time, therefore, would only be anticipating this item of expense.

It cost to run the New Orleans Mint during the last fiscal year, $144,000. It is estimated by this office that the above amount of coinage could be added to the work of the Mint at Philadelphia at a cost of about $56,000. This calculation is based upon the cost of the coinage operations at Philadelphia during the last fiscal year. The Superintendent of that Mint is of the opinion however, that he can do this extra work, in addition to the regular work there, for an additional sum even less than the above. His organization is complete, and in his calculation, he counts only the cost of the added help and the supplies that will be required, while at New Orleans an elaborate organization must be maintained to do a comparatively small amount of business.

The silver coinage cannot be largely increased as the only use for silver dollars is to redeem the Treasury Notes that may be presented. They cannot be put into circulation except by the retirement of the Treasury Notes which are outstanding against them. If no coinage operations are to be conducted at New Orleans and it is simply conducted as an Assay Office, the force can be reduced without change of law, so as to make the annual expenses of the Institution about $25,000. If an Act were passed reorganizing the Institution as an assay office, the annual cost of maintainance could be reduced to about $12,000 or $15,000. The net saving of transfering the coin-

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age to Philadelphia and conducting the New Orleans Mint under its present organization, as an Assay Office would probably be not less than $65,000.

My attention has been called to the comparative statement of cost of coinage at Philadelphia, San Francisco and New Orleans on page 103 of the Report for 1896, which seems to make the cost at New Orleans less than at Philadelphia. I find this statement to be misleading. It is obtained by dividing the total cost of maintaining each Mint by the number of pieces coined thereat within a year. Where the total coinage is included the cost per piece at Philadelphia is shown to be $0.0059, but where the cost per piece, including minor coins is given, the showing is $0.027; at New Orleans, $0.02. No minor coins are made at New Orleans and in the last calculation the entire cost of making the minor coins and of their distribution through the country, of the gold coinage, of the manufacture of medals of the storage of bullion and of the other work of a character not done at New Orleans, is included in the charge against Philadelphia.

It has been urged in favor of coinage operations at New Orleans that there is a lack of ready money or small change, in that part of the country, which the Mint is calculated to supply. A moment's reflection will satisfy anyone that this is an error. The Mint does not distribute money among the people. It turns its product over to the Sub-treasury which supplies the business demand. As already stated the Sub-treasury has a stock sufficient to last for probably three years and will, in any event meet all the demands upon it.

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The people of New Orleans are very much interested in this Mint. It has long been one of the important institutions of the City and their interests and feelings are entitled to due consideration. If the work of coinage could be done at substantially the same cost there to the Government no suggestion for its discontinuance should be entertained, but when the cost of coinage is nearly if not quite, twice as great there as elsewhere, it becomes a question whether the people of any section of the country would justify that general policy of conducting public business.

Respectfully yours,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., April 20, 1898.

To the Honorable

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that orders for transportation be furnished Hon. George E. Roberts, Director of the Mint as follows:

From Ogden, Utah to San Francisco, California; from San Francisco to Seattle, Washington; from Seattle to Boise City, Idaho, payment for the same to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Office Director of the Mint (Mining Statistics) 1898.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., May 16, 1898.

To the

Honorable Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has returned to this Bureau the designation by the Civil Service Commission of William E. Morgan, to be a member and Secretary of the Board of Civil Service Examiners for the Mint at Philadelphia , as Mr. Morgan's connection as coiner of the Mint has ceased.

The Superintendent recommends that John H. Landis be designated as a member and Secretary of the Board, which is approved.

Respectfully yours,

B F Butler

Acting Director of the Mint

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., May 16, 1898.

Hon. W. B. Howells,

Assistant Secretary,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant, enclosing a copy of the list of supplies required by the Government Assayer at El Paso, Texas, I would say that the Assayer of this Bureau has examined this list, and reports it to be reasonable and correct, and recommends that the articles be allowed.

Respectfully yours,

B F Butler

Acting Director of Mint.

S.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., May 16th, 1896.

To the

Auditor of State and other Departments.

Sir:

In reply to your oral inquiry of today, you are respectfully informed that the value of the Fuchau tael, based upon the average quotation of silver for the preceding three months was as follows:

July 1st, 1895.....	$0.727
Oct. 1st, 1895.....	.727
Jan. 1st, 1896, ...	.734.
April 1st, 1896,.....	.738.

Respectfully yours,

B. F. Butler

Acting Director of the Mint

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., May 19th., 1898.

To the Chief

Division of Appointments,

Treasury Department.

Sir:-

In reply to your communication of the 18th. instant, relative to the failure of Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Scott, and E. B. McSwyney, to register at lunch-time, on certain days of the past week, I enclose herewith, replies giving the required explanation.

Respectfully yours,

B. F. Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., May 20th, 1898.

To the Honorable

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the reference of a letter of the Collector of Customs at El Paso, Texas, enclosing a letter of T. B. Johnson, Government Assayer at that port, in relation to the method of assaying lead-bearing ores, heretofore assayed by him.

The Assayer of the Bureau regards the method of assaying these ores, as suggested by Mr. Johnson, as unsatisfactory, though in dealing with the ores referred to by him, which are readily reduced the results are much more satisfactory than with refractory ores, such as are imported from different countries. The results, in these cases, however, have invariably been found low. The object sought to be obtained in adopting a standard method to be used in determining the lead contained in imported ores, was to secure one combining the maximum of accuracy attainable in a limited time, and by the adoption of the wet assay for lead-bearing ores, this is accomplished. The letter of the Collector of Customs and enclosure is returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,

B. A. Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C. May 20th, 1898.

To the

Treasurer, U. S.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause a transfer to be made to the Mint of the United States at New Orleans of the uncurrent silver coin now available for recoinage at the Assistant Treasuries in Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago and New Orleans, that the count thereof may be made and the recoinage of the same begun without delay, after the commencement of the next fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,

B. R. Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., May 21, 1898.

To the

Treasurer United States.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be transferred to the Mint at Philadelphia, as early as practicable, fifty thousand dollars ($50,000.00) in 5-cent nickel pieces for re-issue.

Respectfully yours,

N. B. Butler

Acting Director of the Mint

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., May 23, 1898

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that the safe in the south-east corner of the second story of the Treasury building, opposite the secretary's room, be placed in room No. 33 of this Bureau, and that the safe now in use in this office, be shipped to the United States Assay Office to be established at Seattle, Washington.

Respectfully yours,

B F Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

S.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., May 24, 1898.

To the

Honorable Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have the honor to request that orders for railway transportation be furnished Theodore F. Swayze, Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department, from Washington via Pennsylvania railway to Chicago, via C.B.Q., to Denver, and from Denver to Ogden, via Denver and Rio Grande from Ogden to Seattle by the Union Pacific, and from Seattle to San Francisco, the same to be paid from the appropriation for the establishment of a United States Assay Office at Seattle, Washington.

Respectfully yours,

B A Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

S.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., May 25, 1898.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant, you are respectfully informed that the safe now in room No. 33 of this Bureau, is ready to be prepared for shipment to the Assay Office at Seattle Washington, and as soon as it is moved, the safe in the south-east corner of the second floor of the Treasury can be placed in room 33. The transportation of thesafe in room 33, and also the safe from Newark, to be shipped to the Assay Office at Seattle, will be paid for from the appropriation for that institution.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., June 2, 1898

To the

Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that there be transferred through the medium of the Treasurer's bullion fund account $170,123.62, the equivalent of 300,000 ounces standard silver bullion, purchased for subsidiary silver coin, from the Mint U. S. at Philadelphia to the Mint U.S. at San Francisco; and that a like amount of standard silver bullion costing $241.766.93 purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890, be transferred to the Mint U. S. at Philadelphia from the Mint U. S. at San Francisco.

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These transfers are to enable the Mint at San Francisco to meet the demand for fractional silver coin.

Respectfully yours,

R. M. Ruth

Acting Director of the Mint.

APPROVED:

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Secretary Treasury.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., June 2, 1898.

To the

Treasurer, United States.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause fifty thousand dollars ($50.000.) in five-cent nickel pieces, to be transferred to the Mint at Philadelphia for reissue.

Respectfully yours,

B F Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., June 4th, 1898.

To the Honorable

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to respectfully call your attention to the large amount ($97,000,000.) of gold bullion held by the Treasury June 1st, and to the apparent necessity for its conversion into coin at an early date in order that the same may be available for disbursement by the Treasury, in case it should be required.

On July first, 1897, the amount of gold bullion held by the Treasury was $25,575,028; on June first, 1898, $96,998,864, an increase of $71,423,836.

The coinage of gold from July 1st, 1897 to June 1st, 1898, aggregated $57,730,930, which about equals the domestic production for that period. The increase in the amount of gold bullion in the Treasury is due to the large importation of foreign gold bullion and coin, deposited at the Mint at San Francisco and the Assay Office at New York, amounting from July 1st, 1897 to June 30th, 1898, to $72,437,500.

The Mints at Philadelphia, New Orleans and San Francisco are now working eight hours a day, to their full capacity, in coining

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gold, silver dollars and subsidiary silver. Of the gold bullion in the Treasury $92,000,000 is held at the Assay Office at New York and the Mint at Philadelphia, and to materially reduce this stock in a reasonable time, it will be necessary to run over time at the Mint at Philadelphia, for several months.

While the stock of gold bullion on hand at San Francisco at present is about $4,500,000, it will be increased in July and August by receipts from the Klondike, most of which will be deposited at that Institution. Conservative estimates place the amount that will be received from the Klondike, during July and August at not less than from $12,000,000 to $15,000,000, and it will probably be necessary to work the Mint at San Francisco over time for two or three months. Especially will this be necessary should further importations of gold bullion be made from Australasia.

The appropriation for Wages of Workmen and for Incidental and Contingent Expenses of the Mints at Philadelphia, New Orleans and San Francisco, for the fiscal year, 1899, as contained in the Legislative, Judicial and Executive Appropriation Bill, was as follows:

	Wages.	Contingent Expenses
Philadelphia,	$250,000.	$55,000.
San Francisco,	150,000	35,000.
New Orleans,	30,000.	8,000.

The appropriations for Wages of Workmen are less by $40,000 for Philadelphia, $20,000 for San Francisco and $44,000.

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for New Orleans, than for the fiscal year, 1898, which were barely adequate to meet the expenses for that year.

To enable the Mints to convert the larger part of the gold bullion now on hand, as well as to coin the current domestic deposits that will be made, I have to earnestly recommend and request that you will procure an appropriation of $250,000 to be expended, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury for the payment of Wages of Workmen and Contingent Expenses at the Mints in coining gold and subsidiary silver, during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1899.

Respectfully yours,

B. T. Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C. June 9th, 1898.

To the Honorable

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit estimates of appropriations required to supply deficiencies in the following appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1898, and request that the same be procured from Congress:

Freight on bullion and coin between the Mints and Assay Offices,.....$12,000.00

For Contingent Expenses, U.S.Assay Office, New York, N. Y.,.....10,000.00

For Contingent Expenses, U.S.Mint, San Francisco, California,..... 10,000.00

For Contingent Expenses, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,..... 23,500.00

In explanation of the necessity for the above appropriations, the following is respectfully submitted:

1st.- The shipments of gold bullion between the Mints and Assay Offices, from July first, 1897 to June first, 1898, has been as follows:

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Mint at Denver to Mint at Philadelphia,.....	$15,060,197.66
Assay Office at Helena to "	2,367,903.32
Assay Office at Boise to "	1,028,461.94
Assay Office at St. Louis to "	116,541.21
Assay Office at Charlotte to "	259,818.84
Assay Office at Deadwood to "	10,060.61
Mint at Carson to San Francisco Mint,	475,661.74
Assay Office at New York to Mint at Philadelphia,	20,065,386.21
Total,.....	39,268,876.23

The cost of transporting this bullion was $45,335.85, while the amount appropriated by the Legislative and Urgency Deficiency Appropriation Bill for Freight on Bullion and Coin between the Mints and Assay Offices for 1898, was $41,000, making an existing deficiency of $4,335.85. It is estimated that the cost of shipping gold bullion from the minor assay offices to the Mint at Philadelphia during the month of June will approximate $3,700, and from the Assay Office at New York to the Mint at Philadelphia, $4,000., which added to the deficiency already existing, will make a total deficiency for the fiscal year, 1898 in the appropriation for Freight on Bullion and Coin between the Mints and Assay Offices of $12,035.85.

2nd.- The appropriations requested to supply deficiencies in the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the Assay Office at New York, and the Mints at Philadelphia and San Francisco, are made necessary by the recent ruling of the Auditor for the Treasury, and approved by the Comptroller of the Treasury in a decision

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rendered April 25, 1898, requiring the loss on sale of sweeps and wastage of the Operative Officers to be paid from the appropriation for Incidental and Contingent Expenses of the respective Institutions. The loss on sale of sweeps and wastage of the Operative Officers of the Mint at Philadelphia and San Francisco and the Assay Office at New York for each fiscal year from 1894 to 1897, inclusive is exhibited in the following statement:

Year.	Mint at Philadelphia.	Mint at San Francisco.	Assay Office at New York.
1894.....	$23,672.63	$5,215.37	$14,074.41
1895.....	2,960.70	4,384.91	7,013.43
1896.....	7,030.30	5,555.55	8,392.95
1897.....	16,919.40	7,134.09	8,976.53

Owing to the heavy importations of foreign gold bullion and coin, deposited and melted at the Assay Office at New York and the Mint at San Francisco, the wastage and loss on sale of aweeps at these Institutions in 1898, will no doubt be greater than during the fiscal year, 1897.

For many years prior to, and since the passage of the Coinage Act of 1873, it has been the practice at the Coinage Mints and the Assay Office at New York to reimburse the Bullion Fund for the wastage of the Melter and Refiner and loss on sale of his sweeps, as far as practicable, from any surplus bullion

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recovered, and the difference, if any, from the appropriations for Parting & Refining Bullion and Incidental and Contingent Expenses. The wastage of the Coiner and loss on sale of his sweeps was reimbursed from the appropriation for Incidental and Contingent Expenses.

The amounts appropriated for Incidental and Contingent Expenses of the Assay Office at New York and the Mints at Philadelphia and San Francisco, for the present fiscal year, are, by the practice of rigid economy, barely sufficient to pay current incidental expenses, and will not admit of the reimbursement of the Bullion Fund for loss on sale of sweeps and wastage arising from manipulating the gold bullion deposited, silver bullion purchased under the Act of July 14th, 1890, and uncurrent silver coin, transferred to the Mints for recoinage. With a view to avoiding as far as practicable, deficiencies of like character in the future it is respectfully suggested and recommended that Congress be requested to adopt the following provision in the Bill, making the appropriations herein asked for:

"And refining and parting of bullion shall be carried on at the coinage mints of the United States and at the assay office at New York, and it shall be lawful to apply the moneys arising from charges collected from depositors for these operations, and also the proceeds of sale of bi-products, spent acids arising from, and surplus bullion recovered in parting and refining processes, pursuant to law, so far as may be necessary to defraying in full the expenses thereof, including labor, material, wastage and loss

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on sale of sweeps. But no part of the moneys appropriated for the support of the coinage mints and assay office at New York, shall be used to defray the expenses of parting and refining bullion.

Respectfully yours,

B F Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., June 15, 1898.

To the

Chief, Division of Appointments,

Sir:

I return herewith time cards for the week ending June 11th, with time deducted as follows:

B. F. Butler,.....18 minutes.
E. E. Ailes, ...2 hours.
R.E.Preston,.....30 minutes.
Mrs. H.E.Ryan,.....1 1/2 days, 1 hour.
Miss Kelly,.....3 hours.
J. J. Lalor,.....2 days.

Respectfully yours,

B F Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., June 20,1898.

To the Chief,

Division of Appointments,

Sir:

I return herewith time cards for the week ending June 18th with time deducted, as per the following:

E.E.Richmond,.....7 days.
John J. Lalor,.....6 days.
Cabell Whitehead,.....2 hours,7 minutes,
Miss Kelly,.....24 minutes.

Respectfully yours,

A. M. Dudley

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., June 23, 1898

To the

Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that orders for railway transportation be furnished Cabell Whitehead, from Washington, D.C. to Seattle, Washington and return. Payment for the same to be made from the appropriation for Salaries and Expenses United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington.

Respectfully yours,

B. F. Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., June 23, 1898

To the

Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that orders for railway transportation be furnished W. A. Lamson, from San Francisco, California, to Deadwood, South Dakota. Payment for the same to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, office of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully yours,

B F Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., June 28, 1898

To the

Auditor for the Treasury.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for file in your office, lease executed by Thomas W. Prosch and wife, and Theodore S. Swayze, Chief Clerk of the Treasury, on behalf of the United States for building to be used as an Assay Office at Seattle, Washington.

Respectfully yours,

B F Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., July 6th, 1898.

To the Honorable

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that there be transferred through the medium of the Treasurer's Bullion Fund account, $373,250.39 the equivalent of 300,000 ounces of standard silver bullion, resulting from the melting of uncurrent subsidiary silver coin, from the Mint at Philadelphia to the Mint at San Francisco, and that a like amount of standard silver bullion, costing $229,405.93, purchased under the Act of July 14th, 1890, be transferred to the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, from the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco.

These transfers are necessary to enable the Mint at San Francisco to meet demands for fractional silver coin.

Respectfully yours,

B. R. Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Acting Secretary.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., July 18, 1898

To the

Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Referring to the disapproval, by the Auditor for the Treasury, of the accompanying requisition, in favor of Andrew Mason, Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, for $10,000., on account of Contingent Expenses 1898, I have the honor to state that the delay in the transmission of the accounts of Mr. Mason for the month of June was due to the large amount of extra labor devolving upon the bookkeeper, by reason of the Annual Settlement of the accounts of the Melter and Refiner and the Superintendent.

I have, therefore, to request that the requisition be allowed, and the advance made.

Respectfully yours,

B F Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., July 19, 1898.

J. K. Taylor, Esq.,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department.

Sir:-

I respectfully call your attention to your letter to this Bureau, of the 22nd. ultimo, relative to an "Electric Fan" for Room #33, of this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,

B. F. Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., July 29, 1898

To the

Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that railway transportation be furnished George McLaughlin from Reno, Nevada, to Philadelphia, Pa. via Washington, D. C. Payment for the same to be made from the appropriation for contingent expenses Mint Philadelphia, 1898.

Respectfully yours,

B F Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., July 29, 1898

Honorable W. B. Howell,

Assistant Secretary,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th instant, requesting to be furnished with a list of instruments, apparatus, and chemicals that would be required to properly equip an Assay Office, for assaying lead bearing ores, I have the honor to transmit herewith a list of what would be required, as indicated by the Assistant Assayer of the laboratory of this Bureau, the Assayer being absent.

Respectfully yours,

B. H. Bixler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., August 23, 1898.

To the

Comptroller of the Currency,

Sir:

Referring to your letter of May 10th, transmitting certificates of proof of claim, No. 601 to 698, inclusive, issued by George H. Earle Jr., Receiver of the Chestnut Street National Bank, Philadelphia to Herman Kretz, Superintendent of the Mint, Philadelphia, and by him assigned to the banks and others from whom he had received remittances for minor coins, also enclosing your checks on the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia, Nos. 41431-41528 inclusive and 42216-42313 inclusive, for the payment of the first and second dividends of twenty and ten percent. respectively due on the certificates, I have the honor to transmit herewith the receipts of the parties accepting the Receiver's certificate of indebtedness and also to return the certificate and checks in favor of parties who have not accepted the same.

Respectfully yours,

D. A. Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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LIST OF BANKS HAVING CLAIM IN CHESTNUT STREET NATIONAL BANK,
NOT ACCEPTING SETTLEMENT.

National State Bank,	Elizabeth, New Jersey.
First National Bank,	San Diego, California.
Union National Bank,	Mount Holly, New Jersey.
Wyoming County National Bank,	Warsaw, New York.
First National Bank,	Elgin, Illinois.
Peoples Bank & Trust Co.,	Passaic, New Jersey.
Beatrice National Bank,	Beatrice, Nebraska.
Farmers Exchnage Bank,	Humphreys, Missouri.
Safe Deposit & Title Guarantee Co.,	Kittanning, Pennsylvania.
Bank of St. Croix Falls,	St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin.
Fruitt, Matthews & Co.,	Chillicoth, Illinois.
The City National Bank,	Watertown, New York.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint.

Washington, D. C., August 25, 1898.

on. W. B. Howells,

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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Referring to your letter of the 19th instant, enclosing letter om the Collector of Customs at El Paso, Texas, submitting estimates r assay supplies and chemical material, I have the honor to re- rt as follows:

At present, as I understand the duties of the Assayer of this t, are confined to the determination of lead in imported ores. I am right in this assumption, many of the supplies contained this list are unnecessary, such as scorifiers, litharge, etc , ch are used for determining gold and silver.

The list furnished by the Collector would equip a laboratory determining the gold and silver in ores and bullion as well as the determination of lead.

Respectfully yours,

B A Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., September 10, 1898.

To the Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:-

In answer to your Circular letter relative to the Stenographers and Type-writers employed in this Bureau, names of machines used, etc., I have the honor to submit the following information-

Question No. 1.-"The names and compensation of employes who are Stenographers and Type-writers and name of machine used."

Answer.- Miss Helen E. Stevens; Salary $1,400.00; Densmore machine.

Miss Margaret E. Kelly; Salary $1,200.00; Remington machine.

Question No. 2.-"The names and compensation of employes who are Stenographers only."

Answer.- None.

Question No. 3.-"The names and compensation of employes who are Type-writers only and name of machine used."

Answer.- Mrs. Helen E. Ryan; Salary $1,200.00; Smith Premier machine.

Question No. 4.-"The names and compensation of such employes who are employed exclusively under above title."

Answer.- Miss Margaret E. Kelly; Salary $1,200.00.

Question No. 5.-"The names of compensation of employes who are only occasionally employed under above title."

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Answer.- Miss Helen E. Stevens; Salary $1,400.00, and
Mrs. Helen E. Ryan; Salary $1,200.00. (For the greater part, but not all of the time).

Question No. 6.-"Are the needs of your respective Bureaus, or Divisions, fully supplied in the matters of Stenographers and Type-writers?"

Answer.- They are fully supplied.

Respectfully yours,

D. A. Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

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Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., September 22, 1898.

To the Honorable

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that there be transferred through the medium of the Treasurer's Bullion Fund account $373,250.39, the equivalent of 300,000 ounces of standard silver bullion, resulting from the melting of uncurrent subsidiary silver coin from the Mint at Philadelphia to the Mint at San Francisco, and that a like amount of standard silver bullion, costing $227,295.02, purchased under the Act of July 14th, 1890, be transferred to the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia from the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco. These transfers are necessary to enable the Mint at San Francisco to meet the demand for fractional silver coins.

Respectfully yours,

B. F. Burdick

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Secretary of the Treasury.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., September 28, 1898.

To the Honorable

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that railway transportation be furnished Cabell Whitehead from Washington to Denver, Colorado via Pennsylvania R. R. and from Denver, Colorado to Washington, payment for the same to be made from appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Office, Director of the Mint, 1899.

Respectfully yours,

B. F. Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., September 30,1898.

To the Auditor

for the Treasury Department.

Sir:

I return herewith the accounts of F. A. Wing, Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Seattle, for the month of July, 1898, rendered in conformity with instructions contained in your note of the 8th instant, the title of the accounts being changed and the salary of the Assayer being calculated and paid from date of oath, viz: June 23, 1898.

In explanation of the amount paid by the Assayer in Charge for freight over land grant railroads, I would respectfully state that immediately after the passage of the Act of May 21st, 1898, establishing an Assay Office at Seattle, this Bureau was directed by the Secretary of the Treasury to take such action and make such arrangements as would insure the office being opened for business by the 15th of July. Nearly all the supplies required had to be purchased in Philadelphia, New York and San Francisco, and shipped to Seattle. It is a well known fact that at this time the Quartermaster's department of the army in all parts of the United States was actively engaged in transporting troops and army supplies, and for this reason it was believed that if the supplies for

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the Assay Office at Seattle were shipped through the Quartermaster's department, it was doubtful whether they would be received at Seattle in time to open that office for business on the 15th of July. They were, therefore, shipped as through fast freight.

As bearing upon this subject, your attention is respectfully called to the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury under date of August 19th, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,

B. F. Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., October 8, 1898.

To the

Treasurer of the United States.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that of the silver bullion purchased under the Act of July 14th, 1890, on hand, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia be authorized by wire to deliver to the U. S. Express Co., 99,396.77 fine ounces, costing $89,933.68 for transportation to Messrs J. &. W. Seligman & Co., New York, in exchange for a like amount of fine silver delivered October seventh by the Anglo Californian Bank for account of Messrs J. &. W. Seligman & Co., to the Mint at San Francisco, under arrangements with the Department.

The express charges are to be paid by Messrs. Seligman & Co.

Respectfully yours,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

W B Howell

Acting Secretary.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., October 10,1898.

To the

Treasurer of the United States.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that of the silver bullion, purchased under the Act of July 14th,1890 on hand, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia be authorized by wire to deliver to the U. S. Express Company 41,635.85 fine ounces costing $37,671.90, for transportation to Messrs. J. &. W. Seligman & Co., New York, in exchange for a like amount of fine silver delivered October 8th, to the Anglo Californian Bank for account of Messrs. J. &. W. Seligman & Co., to the Mint at San Francisco, under arrangements with the Department.

The express charges are to be paid by Messrs. Seligman & Co.

Respectfully yours,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Acting Secretary.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. October 14,1898.

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To the

Treasurer of the United States.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that of the silver bullion purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890, on hand, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia be authorized by wire to deliver to the United States Express Company, 74,422.10 fine ounces, costing $67,354.82, and at the commercial value at $0.62 1/2 per ounce fine, of $46,513.81, for transportation to Messrs. J. &. W. Seligman & Co., New York, in exchange for a like amount of fine silver delivered October 13th, by the Anglo Californian Bank for account of Messrs. J. &. W. Seligman & Co., to the Mint at San Francisco, under arrangement with the Department.

The express charges are to be paid by Messrs. Seligman & Co.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Acting Secretary.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C. October 17, 1898.

To the Honorable

Secretary of the Treasury:

Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith estimates of appropriations that will be required for the Mint service for the fiscal year terminating June 30th, 1900, amounting in the aggregate to $1,162,350. as against $918,960. appropriated by the Act of March 15th, 1898, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1899. In explanation of the increases made, the following is respectfully submitted:-

Bureau of the Mint:

An increase of $300. in the salary of the Assayer and of $400. in the salary of the Assistant, and $840. to provide for the services of a Helper, is submitted. Owing to the heavy coinage by the Mints and the large number of special assay coins sent daily to the Laboratory for test as to their weight and fineness as well as for other chemical work performed for the Depary-ment, the increase in the salary of the Assayer and his Assistant should be made to make their compensations correspond with those paid at the Mints and the Assay Offices for similar service. It has

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been found necessary for the last two years to have a Laborer detailed to assist in the Laboratory and permanent provision should be made for the same, and therefore the estimate for the services of a Helper at $840. per annum is made.

An increase of $40,000. is submitted for Freight on Bullion between Mints and Assay Offices. The amount expended for this purpose during the fiscal year, 1898, was $52,427.53, but owing to the increased amount of gold bullion deposited at the Western Institutions, at least $65,000. will be required for this purpose for the fiscal year, 1900.

Mint at Philadelphia:

An increase of $500. in the salary of the Bookkeeper of the Mint at Philadelphia is submitted. This is one of the most laborious and responsible positions in the Mint service and the compensation paid is not equal to that paid the bookkeeper at the New York Assay Office or by private corporations for similar service. An increase of $50,000. in the appropriation for Wages of Workmen and $25,000. in the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the Mint at Philadelphia is submitted and is necessary to coin the large amount of gold and subsidiary silver that it is estimated will be required to meet the demands of the public and the Treasury, making it necessary for that Mint to work from 12 to 16 hours per day, not only requiring an increase in the appropriation for Wages, but also for Incidental expenses and to procure new machinery and the necessary supplies.

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Mint at San Francisco:-

An increase of $25,000. is submitted in the appropriation for Wages of Workmen of the Mint at San Francisco, which will be necessary to meet the requirements of the service.

Mint at New Orleans:-

An increase of $44,000. in the appropriation for Wages of Workmen and of $22,000. in the appropriation for Incidental and Contingent Expenses at Nrw Orleans, will be required over the amount appropriated for the fiscal year, 1899, as it will be necessary to run this Mint to its full capacity in the manufacture of subsidiary silver coin and silver dollars.

Assay Office at New York:-

An increase of $250. in the salary of the Cashier and the First Assistant Assayer, respectively, is submitted, and a reduction of $250. in the salary of the Warrant Clerk, making the increased amount asked for on account of salaries at this Institution over and above that of 1899, of $250.

Mint at Denver:-

The deposits of gold bullion at the Mint at Denver for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1898, aggregated $16,211,000. and in order to handle this amount of bullion, which was done without any loss, much extra labor was required of the Assayer in Charge, the Melter, Chief Clerk and the Weigh Clerk, and the following increase is respectfully submitted: In the salary of the Assayer, $500;

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Melter,$250; Chief Clerk,$450; Weigh Clerk,$200; services of one additional Calculating Clerk at $1,400. per annum and Assistant Weigh Clerk and Shipping Clerk at $1,200. per annum,each, is submitted, and should be granted as all indications are that the work of the Mint at Denver will continue to increase for some years to come.

Assay Office at Boise, Idaho:

An increase of $600. is submitted in the salary of the Chief Clerk at Boise, making the salary correspond to that of the Chief Clerk at Helena, Montana. During the absence of the Assayer in Charge for any cause wjatever, the Chief Clerk is required to act and the deposits since this office was created have increased largely in number and impose much greater responsibility upon the Assayer and his Chief Clerk.

Assay Office at Seattle:

Congress having authorized by the Act of May 21st,1898, the establishment of an Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, estimates are submitted for the support of the same upon the basis of the business done since July 15th,1898, the date it was opened for the receipt of deposits. The deposits at this Institution up to the 26th of September, aggregated about $4,000,000. The Act of May 21st, 1898, establishing the office fixed the salary of a Clerk at $1,500; an increase of $300. is respectfully submitted as the salary should be made to correspond with that paid at Helena

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Mint at Carson, Nevada:-

Estimates are submitted for conducting the Mint at rson hereafter as an Assay Office similar to that at Boise, Ida- The amount of gold and silver deposited at this Institution ring the fiscal year ended June 30th,1898 amounted to$786,126.06 d there are no indications that the deposits will increase to ch an extent as would justify its continuance upon the basis the Assay Office at New York.

Respectfully yours,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. October 25, 1898.

To the Treasurer

of the United States.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that of the silver bullion purchased under the Act of July 14th, 1890, on hand, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia be authorized by wire to deliver to the United States Express Company, 121,875.45 fine ounces, costing $110,272.27, and at the commercial value at $0.62 1/2 per ounce fine, of $76,172.16, for transportation to Messrs. J. &. W. Seligman & Co., New York, in exchange for a like amount of fine silver delivered October 24th, by the Anglo Californian Bank for account of Messrs. J. &. W. Seligman & Co., to the Mint at San Francisco, under arrangement with the Department.

The express charges are to be paid by Messrs. Seligman.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Acting Secretary.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., October 26, 1898.

o the Treasurer

of the United States.

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It is respectfully requested that of the silver bullion urchased under the Act of July 14th, 1890, on hand, the Superin-endent of the Mint at Philadelphia be authorized by wire to eliver to the United States Express Company, 83,387.21 fine oun-es costing $75,448.31, and at the commercial value at $0.62 1/2 er ounce fine of $52,117.01 for transportation to Messrs. J. &. Seligman & Co., New York, in exchange for a like amount of ine silver delivered October 25th, by the Anglo-Californiam Bank or account of Messrs. J. &. W. Seligman & Co., to the Mint at an Francisco, under arrangement with the Department.

The express charges are to be paid by Messrs. Seligman.

Yours respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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A Spaulding

Acting Secretary.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., October 29 1898.

Hon. Charles G. Dawes,

Comptroller of the Currency.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the letters of Mr. George Loughlin and Mr. George B. Frease, handed me, in reference to Mrs. Nathalie N. Mather of New Orleans, I find upon examination, that in July last when it became necessary to temporarily appoint a number of adjusters, Mrs. Mather was selected, pending the establishment of an eligible register. Subsequently an examination for the position of adjuster in the Mint at New Orleans was held, and thirty five names certified, from which a selection of twenty was made. Mrs. Mather's percentage being only 85.80, her name was not included in the number selected.

In reply to the two inquiries in the letter of Mr. Loughlin, I would say that the rejection of Mrs. Mather is not final, and when future requisitions are made upon the Civil Service Commission for eligibles for appointment as adjusters, her name will probably be among those certified. Since the appointments are made from the list of eligibles furnished by the Civil Service Commission, Mrs. Mather has equal chance for appointment with the others.

The letters handed me are returned herewith.

Yours truly, Geo E Roberts

DIrector of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C. October 29, 1898.

The Honorable

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to inform you that it became necessary to recall Mr. F. Bowen, before September 30th, the expiration of his granted leave, commencing September 7th. I hereby respectfully request that he be credited with the unused portion of the leave granted namely: six days.

Respectfully yours,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., October 29, 1898.

the

Treasurer of the United States.

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It is respectfully requested that of the silver bullion pur-
sed under the act of July 14th, 1890, on hand, the Superintendent of
Mint at Philadelphia be authorized by wire to deliver to the Uni-
States Express Company, 54,450.37 fine ounces, costing $49,266.41
d at the commercial value at $0.62 1/2 per ounce fine of $34,031.48
transportation to Messrs. J. &. W. Seligman & Co., New York in
hange for a like amount of fine silver delivered October 27th,
the Anglo Californian Bank for account of Messrs. J. &. W. Selig-
& Co., to the Mint at San Francisco, under arrangement with the
artment.

The express charges are to be paid by Messrs. Seligman & Co.

Respectfully yours,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

proved:

Acting Secretary.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., November 1,1898.

To the Honorable

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that certificate of deposit No. 4,052, dated October 1st, 1898 , issued by the First National Bank, Deadwood, South Dakota, in favor of P. J. Miniter, Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office, for $105. on account of charges for melting, assaying and stamping, be canceled, and lieu thereof, a certificate for $54.43 be issued, the difference, $50.57, having been erroneously included in the original certificates.

I have also to request that certificate of deposits Nos. 4,056 and 4,057 for $2.38 and $1.02 respectively issued by the First National Bank, in favor of Mr. Miniter, be canceled, as the same were made under a misapprehension.

Respectfully yours,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., November 3, 1898.

o the

Treasurer of the Unitsd States.

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It is respectfully requested that of the silver bullion purchased nder the Act of July 14th, 1890, on hand, the Superintendent of the int at Philadelphia be authorized to deliver to the United States xpress Company, 8, 814.02 fine ounces, costing $7,974.87, and at the ommercial value at $0.62 1/2 per ounce fine of $5,505.76, for transortation to the Hong-Kong & Shanghai Bank, New York, in exchange or a like amount of silver delivered November 1st, by said Bank to the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully yours,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Acting Secretary.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., November 10,1898.

To the Treasurer

of the United States.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the United States at Carson, Nevada, to that of the Mint at San Francisco, of the sum of eighty-four thousand, six hundred and two and eighty-five hundredths dollars ($84,602.85) in gold coin, and the sum of fifty-two thousand, four-hundred and eighty-eight and fourteen hundredths dollars (52,488.14) payable in 72,479.98 ounces of standard silver bullion, purchased under the Act of July 14th,1890, being the net value of Dore bullion, heretofore forwarded by the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, as shown by Memorandum dated the 5th, 7th and 9th of October, 1898, of gold and silver bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

— Cancelled —

See letter Dec 17, 1898

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., November 11, 1898.

To the

Treasurer of the United States.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that of the silver bullion purchased under the Act of July 14th, 1890, on hand, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia be authorized by wire to deliver to the United States Express Company, 73,594.17 fine ounces, costing $66,587.63, and at the commercial value at $0.62 1/2 per ounce fine, of $45,996.36, for transportation to Messrs. J. &. W. Seligman & Co. New York, in exchange for a like amount of fine silver delivered November 4th, 1898, by the Anglo Californian Bank for account of Messrs. J. &. W. Seligman & Co., to the Mint at San Francisco, under arrangement with the Department.

The Express charges are to be paid by Messrs. Seligman & Co.

Respectfully yours,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

L. G. Gage

~~Acting~~ Secretary.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., November 16, 1898.

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Treasurer of the United States.

It is respectfully requested that of the silver bullion pur-
ed under the Act of July 14th, 1890, on hand, the Superintendent
he Mint at Philadelphia be authorized by wire to deliver to the
ed States Express Company 79,353.83 fine ounces, costing
798.93, and at the commercial value at $0.62½ per ounce fine, of
896.14, for transportation to Messrs. J. &. W. Seligman & Co.,
York, in exchange for a like amount of fine silver delivered
mber 12th, 1898, by the Anglo Californian Bank on account of
rs. J. &. W. Seligman & Co., to the Mint at San Francisco
r arrangement with the Department.

The Express charges are to be paid by Messrs. Seligman & Co.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

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Secretary.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., November 17, 1898.

he Honorable

Secretary of the Treasury.

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I have the honor to call your attention to the small amount of d and silver deposited at the Mint of the United States at Car- n. The deposits at this institution for the past five fiscal ars have been as follows:

1894	$1,247,147.14
1895	1,660,353.89
1896	536,817.66
1897	912,203.01
1898	530,438.87

The Mint at Carson was authorized by the Act of March 3rd, 1863 mencing operations in 1870, and except during the years, 1874- 75 and 1876, when the production of the Comstock Lode was at its ight, the deposits have been small as compared with the Mints at iladelphia, San Francisco and the Assay Office at New York, and ave been greadually decreasing since 1878.

In February, 1879, owing to the lack of bullion, the Secretary the Treasury directed the suspension of coinage operations at is Mint from March 1st to June 30th, 1879, and from November 1st, me year, to May 1st, 1880, and again from April 1st to October 1st, 881, operations being resumed at a later date.

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Under date of March 28th,1885, coinage operations were again suspended and the force in the Coiner's department and refinery furloughed, owing to the small amount of bullion deposited. On August 14th, 1885, the President, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, suspended the Coiner for want of occupation. On November 6th, 1885, it was directed that the Mint at Carson be closed to the receipt of deposits and the clerks, assistants and workmen be discharged. On November 16th, 1885, the Melter and Refiner and Assayer were suspended by the President for want of occupation, the Superintendent being retained in custody of the building, and the Mint remained closed to the receipt of deposits until October 1st,1887, when it was re-opened and refinery operations resumed. On October 1st,1889, coinage operations were resumed. This continued until May, 1893, though at times a supply of bullion was difficult to obtain, as the amount of deposits was small and both refinery and coinage operations were restricted. It was necessary on two or three occasions to furlough a large number of the force. The Coiner was removed to take effect July 1st,1893 for want of occupation. Since this time the Mint has continued to be opened to the receipt of deposits though on three occasions it has been found necessary to furlough the force employed in the refinery owing to the small amount of bullion deposited.

The gold and silver product of Nevada for the calendar year 1897 was $2,976,400. Of this, there were deposited at the Carson Mint only $530,000, which would indicate that the gold and silver

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product of Nevada can be more conveniently deposited elsewhere than at Carson. There are no indications that the deposits of bullion at the Mint at Carson will increase in the near future.

In view of these facts, I would respectfully suggest that the services of the Melter & Refiner be dispensed with and that no appointment be made by the President to the position.

The present Melter & Refiner entered upon duty June 1st, 1894.

Respectfully yours,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., N overber 25, 1898

To the

Treasurer of the United States.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that of the silver bullion purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890, on hand, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia be authorized by wire to deliver to the United States Express Company 45,299.55 fine ounces costing $40,923.46 and at the commercial value $0.62½ per ounce fine of $28,268.47 for transportation to Messrs. J.&.W. Seligman and Company, New York in exchange for a like amount of fine silver delivered November 22, 1898 by the Anglo-Californian Bank on account of Messrs. J.&.W. Seligman and Company, to the Mint at San Francisco, under arrangement with the Department.

Respectfully yours,

Fred'k A. Roberts

Director of the Mint

APPROVED:

Acting Secretary.

W.B.H.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint.

Washington, D. C. November 25,1898

To the

Treasurer of the United States.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that of the silver bullion purchased under the Act of July 14,1890, on hand, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia be authorized by wire to deliver to the United States Express Company 40,586.44 fine ounces costing $36,722.40, and at the commercial value at .62½¢ per ounce fine of $25,366.52 for transportation to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, New York, in exchange for a like amount of fine silver delivered November 22, 1898, by W.H.Harris, agent of said corporation to the Mint at San Francisco, under arrangement with the Department.

Respectfully yours,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

APPROVED:

Acting Secretary.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., Nov.27,1898.

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Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department.

The following is the Assayer's report upon a sample of pipe lining arded with your letter of the 25th instant, in which you request it be analyzed and the amount of commercial asbestos determined, ther with the principal ingredients. The sample contains: 9.25 percent. of asbestos. The principal ingredients are hate of lime and oxide of magnesia in about equal proportions. n also appears but probably as an impurity. There is also a centage of water.

Respectfully yours,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., November 28, 1898

To the

Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that I have referred a letter of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia dated the 23rd instant to the Supervising Architect, Treasury, wherein the Superintendent sets forth the fact that it is very desirable that the bullion and other vaults in the new Mint in course of erection, should be constructed as early as practicable. I concur with the Superintendent in his recommendation and would add thereto that if these vaults were built at an early date, the Mint would be in condition to relieve the vaults of the Treasury of their over-crowded condition by reason of the accumulation of uncurrent silver and minor coin. There is now a large amount of gold bullion at the Assay Office, New York, a part of which at least will have to be shipped to the Mint at Philadelphia at an early date in order to relieve the vaults of the Assay Office.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., November 28, 1898

the

Treasurer of the United States,

It is respectfully requested that of the silver bullion purchased
er the Act of July 14, 1890 on hand, the Superintendent of the Mint
Philadelphia be authorized, by wire, to deliver to the United States
ess Company 31,137.55 fine ounces costing $28,173.09 and at the
ercial value at .62¼¢ per ounce fine of $19,460.96 for transporta-
to Messrs. J.&.W. Seligman and Company, New York, in exchange for
ke amount of fine silver delivered November 21, 1898 by the Anglo-
fornian Bank for account of Messrs. J.&.W. Seligman and Co., to the
at San Francisco, under arrangement with the Department.

Respectfully yours,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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Acting Secretary.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., November 29, 1898

the

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D.C.

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I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited
the Treasury of the United States in the name of Frank A. Leach,
perintendent of the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco, the sum of
e hundred and seventy-eight thousand, two hundred and forty-seven
llars, ninety-seven cents ($178,247.97) on account of profits on
e coinage of silver bullion purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890,
nd that the bullion fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer
f the same amount.

Respectfully yours,

B F Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., November 30, 1898

the

Treasurer of the United States,

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It is respectfully requested that of the silver bullion purchased
der the Act of July 14, 1890, on hand, the Superintendent of the Mint
Philadelphia be authorized by wire, to deliver to the United States
press Company 87,248.91 fine ounces, costing $78,942.36 and at the
mmercial value at .62½¢ per ounce fine of $54,530.56 for transporta-
ion to Messrs. J.&.W. Seligman and Company, New York in exchange for a
ke amount of fine silver delivered November 28, 1898 by the Anglo-
alifornian Bank for account of Messrs. J.&.W. Seligman and Company
the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, under arrangement
th the Department.

Respectfully yours,

B. F. Butler

Acting Director of the Mint

APPROVED:

Acting Secretary.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., December 2, 1898

Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the appropriation of $25,000.00 for freight on bullion and coin between Mints and Assay Offices for the current fiscal year is exhausted.

From July 1st to December 1, 1898, the value of gold bullion shipped from the Mint at Denver, and the Assay Offices at Helena, Boise, Seattle, Deadwood, St. Louis, and Charlotte to the Mint at Philadelphia has been as follows:-

From Mint at Denver, Colorado	$ 9,229,293.21
" Assay Office at Seattle	5,397,904.41
" " " " Helena.....	1,214,638.17
" " " " Deadwood	65,392.40
" " " " Charlotte	97,331.03
" " " " Boise	672,486.27
" " " " St.Louis.....	35,941.45
TOTAL.....	$16,713,486.94

The cost of transportation of the bullion was $34,828.94, being $9,828.94 in excess of the appropriation for freight on bullion and

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and coin between Mints and Assay Offices for the current fiscal year.

It will be necessary, and I have to respectfully recommend that an appropriation of $45,000.00 be obtained to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for freight on bullion and coin between Mints and Assay Offices for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., December 2nd, 1898

To the

Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith an estimate of an appropriation of $19,665.00 to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for salaries and expenses of the United States Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, for the current fiscal year, and respectfully submit the following explanation showing the necessity for the same.

The Assay Office at Seattle was established by an Act of Congress approved May 21,1898, and the sum of $20,000.00 was appropriated "for salary of Assayer in Charge, Chief Clerk and Wages of Workmen, Rent and Contingent Expenses." Immediately after the passage of the Act authorizing and directing the establishment of the Assay Office at Seattle, active steps were taken to ensure the opening of the same as early as practicable. The most suitable building available was rented, the necessary fixtures, apparatus and supplies obtained. The cost of fitting up the office was nearly $9,000.00 The office was opened for the receipt of deposits July 15,1898 and from that date to November 16,1898 2,531 deposits of the value of $5,478,55

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., December 2nd, 1898

To the

Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith an estimate of an appropriation of $19,665.00 to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for salaries, and expenses of the United States Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, for the current fiscal year, and respectfully submit the following explanation showing the necessity for the same.

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were received. The deposits ranging in value from $100.00 upwards. Many of the deposits being less than one thousand dollars. The large number of deposits received in so short a period of time made it necessary ,in order to make prompt returns, to employ a greater force than it was anticipated would be required.

It was believed that after the close of the Klondyke season, the deposits would be few, but it is found that while not so large in amount, deposits are made daily in such number as to require the retention of the present force, to enable prompt returns to be made depositors.

I would add that the building used is not supplied with fire or burglar proof vaults, but with ordinary safes, and to ensure the safety of the bullion on hand, it is necessary to employ a force of watchmen greater than would be required if the building were supplied with proper vaults.

Of the estimate submitted, the sum of $2,665.00 is necessary for the payment of salaries; $11,000.00 for Wages of Workmen, and $8,000.00 for Contingent Expenses.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8, 1898.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The Assayer of the Bureau reports that the sample of pipe covering to be used in the Court House and Post Office at Louisville, Kentucky, which was submitted for examination in December, contains 2.09 of asbestos, the body of the material being sulphate of lime or plaster of paris.

Respectfully yours,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., December 8, 1898

mas J. Hobbs, Esq.,

Disbursing Clerk,

Treasury Department.

:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause be advanced you the sum of $300.00 from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, office Director of the Mint (Laboratory) 1899, to ble you to make payment of a considerable bill for Laboratory supies this day referred to you.

Respectfully yours,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

P.G. S.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., December 10, 1898

To the

Treasurer of the United States.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that of the silver bullion purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890, on hand, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, be authorized by wire to deliver to the United States Express Company 34,940.46 fine ounces costing $31,613.94 and at the commercial value at $0.62½ per ounce fine of $21,937.79 for transportation to J.&.W. Seligman and Company, New York, in exchange for a like amount of silver delivered December 8, 1898 by the Anglo-Californian Bank for account of Messrs. Seligman and Company to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, under arrangement with the Department.

Respectfully yours,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

APPROVED:

Acting Secretary.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.,

December 17,1898

the

Treasurer of the United States,

Referring to the letter of this Bureau of the 10th ultimo, request-
a transfer from the bullion fund of the Mint at Carson,Nevada,to
of the Mint at San Francisco of the sum of $84,602.85 in gold
, and the sum of $52,488.14 ,payable in 72,479.98 ounces of standard
er bullion purchased under the Act of July 14,1890, I regret to
e that an error was made in this office in both the amount of gold
silver to be transferred.

I have ,therefore, to respectfully request that you will instruct
Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco ,by wire, to return to
transfer order No. 34,750 for $137,090.99, and that the same be
elled . When this has been done ,it is respectfully requested that
will draw an order for the transfer from the bullion fund of the
at Carson to that of the Mint at San Francisco,for the sum of
,138.81, payable as follows:- $82,684.66 in gold coin,and $52,454.15

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.,

December 17,1898

To the

Treasurer of the United States,

Sir:

Referring to the letter of this Bureau of the 10th ultimo, requesting a transfer from the bullion fund of the Mint at Carson,Nevada,to that of the Mint at San Francisco of the sum of $84,602.85 in gold coin, and the sum of $52,488.14 ,payable in 72,479.98 ounces of standard silver bullion purchased under the Act of July 14,1890, I regret to state that an error was made in this office in both the amount of gold and silver to be transferred.

I have ,therefore, to respectfully request that you will instruct the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco ,by wire, to return to you transfer order No. 34,750 for $137,090.99, and that the same be cancelled . When this has been done ,it is respectfully requested that you will draw an order for the transfer from the bullion fund of the Mint at Carson to that of the Mint at San Francisco,for the sum of $135,138.81, payable as follows:- $82,684.66 in gold coin,and $52,454.15

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payable in 72,800.76 ounces of standard silver bullion, purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890, as the net value of dore bullion heretofore forwarded by the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, as appears from memorandum dated the 5th, 6th, and 9th of October 1898 of gold and silver bullion deposited at the Mint at San Francisco.

December 19, 1898.

Respectfully yours,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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Bullion and Coin

Late Superintendent

Mint

period

New Orleans

August 4th,

Geo. E. Roberts

Accounts forwarded Oct. 29th, 1898.
" received Oct. 31st, 1898.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., December 22, 1898

To the

Treasurer of the United States.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that of the silver bullion purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890, on hand, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia be authorized by wire, to deliver to the United States Express Company 49,957.67 fine ounces, costing $45,201.44 and at the commercial value $0.62½ per ounce fine of $31,223.54 for transportation to Messrs. J. & W. Seligman and Company, New York in exchange for a like amount of fine silver delivered December 20, 1898 by the Anglo-Californian Bank on account of Messrs. Seligman and Company to the Mint at San Francisco, under arrangement with the Department.

Respectfully yours,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

APPROVED:

L. Gage

Acting Secretary.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., December 22, 1898

Hon. Charles G. Dawes,

Comptroller of the Currency.

Sir:

The late Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, Herman Kretz, desires to refund to the National State Bank, Elizabeth, N.J., the sum of $200.00, and to the First National Bank of San Diego, Cal., the sum of $500.00., amounts paid to him in cash by these banks for minor coins, and by him deposited in the Chestnut Street National Bank, Philadelphia, prior to its failure, upon condition that the receivers certificates for these amounts, now payable to the said banks, be transferred to him and the dividends which have been declared, and may yet be paid upon these claims, shall be paid to him.

These certificates were originally issued to Herman Kretz, trustee, and by him assigned to the said banks which refused to receive them, and I understand them to now be in the hands of the receiver of the Chestnut Street National Bank. If practicable, I suggest that these certificates be cancelled, and new ones issued direct to Mr. Kretz, but transmitted to this Office, through which settlement with all parties will be made. If this method has your approval a check in favor

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of Herman Kretz ,for the dividends which have been declared may accompany the new certificates.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., December 23,1898

To the

Treasurer of the United States,

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that of the silver bullion purchased under the Act of July 14,1890, on hand, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, be authorized by wire, to deliver to the United States Express Company 50,325.45 fine ounces ,costing $45,534.20 and at the commercial value at $0.62½ per ounce fine of $31,453.40 for transportation to J.&.W.Seligman and Company,New York, in exchnage for a like amount of silver delivered December 21, 1898 by the Anglo-Californian Bank for account of Messrs. Seligman and Company to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco,under arrangement with the Department.

Respectfully yours,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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APPROVED:

Acting Secretary.

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Treasury Department,

R.E.P. Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., December 29, 1898.

To the
Treasurer of the United States,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint of the United States at Carson, Nevada, to that of the Mint at San Francisco, Cal., of the sum of Thirty-two Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-one and Thirty-seven hundredths dollars ($32,531.37), in gold coin, and Six Hundred and Thirty-Six and Seven Hundredths dollars ($636.07), payable in 882.79 ounces of standard silver bullion purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890, being the net value of Dore bullion heretofore forwarded by the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, as shown by Memorandum dated December 19, 1898, of gold and silver bullion deposited at the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

R.E.P. Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., December 29, 1898.

To the
Treasurer of the United States,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint of the United States at Carson, Nevada, to that of the United States Mint at San Francisco, of the sum of Fifty-eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-one and Ninety-four hundredths dollars ($58,731.94), in gold coin, and One Thousand Sixty-seven and Fifty hundredths dollars ($1,067.50), payable in 1,481.58 ounces of standard silver bullion purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890, being the net value of Dore bullion heretofore forwarded by the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, as shown by Memorandum dated November 14, 1898, of gold and silver bullion deposited at the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully yours,

R. A. Butler

Acting Director of the Mint.